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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF LETTERS REFERRED TO IN REFTEL;

2.. LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON.

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I AM GLAD TO RESPOND TO YOUR LETTER REQUESTING A STATEMENT
OF AMERICAN POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE BOYCOTT NOW BEING

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APPLIED BY CERTAIN ARAB STATES AGAINST ISRAEL.

IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS GOVERNMENT CONSISTENT WITH ITS DOMESTIC LEGISLATION TO TAKE SUCH STEPS AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE TO (A) DISCOURAGE COOPERATION BY US CORPORATIONS WITH THE BOYCOTT AND (B) DISCOURAGE THE PRACTICE OF ANY FORM OF

DISCRIMINATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AGAINST ISRAEL, ISRAELI CORPORATIONS OR ISRAELI NATIONALS.

AS YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES HAS IN PAST YEARS TAKEN A PROMINENT STAND IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND WITH FRIENDLY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO RESTRICTIVE AND DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF OUR POLICY IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT I SHALL ALWAYS BE OPEN TO RECEIVE FROM YOU ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE AS TO SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF DISCRIMINATION OR BOYCOTT. HENRY A. KISSINGER.
END TEXT.

3. LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON TO SECRETARY.

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DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

MY ATTENTION HAS BEEN DRAWN TO CERTAIN STATEMENTS MADE BY YOU BEFORE THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND ELSEWHERE CONCERNING THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

IT HAS THROUGHOUT BEEN OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS WERE EXECUTIVE AGREEMENTS UNDER UNITED STATES CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE.

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IT REMAINS OUR POSITION THAT THE MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ARE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL, LEGALLY BINDING ON BOTH PARTIES, EACH OF COURSE ACCORDING TO ITS TERMS. YIGAL ALLON.
END TEXT. KISSINGER

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